

REMARKS

The Examiner has required restriction under 35 USC 121 and 372 citing nine separate inventions corresponding to groups 1-9 as listed on page 2 of the Office Action. The Examiner has however indicated that claim 20 is generic (linking). On page 4 of the Office action, the Examiner states that GB '633 discloses all the technical features claimed in generic claim 20.

In response to this election/restriction requirement, the Applicant has cancelled claims 20-38 and redirected the invention to new claims 39-57. The claims have been amended to adapt the recitations to US style, wherein claim 39 corresponds to generic claim 20 and each of claims 40-57 to each of former dependent claims 21-38, respectively.

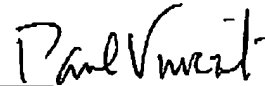
Moreover, in response to the restriction election requirement, the Applicant hereby elects group 3 drawn to a pad printing press, having a pad drive independent of the rotary index table. The current claims of record readable on group 3 are generic claim 39 and dependent claims 42-45 (corresponding to former claims 20, 23-26, respectively). This election is made **with traverse**.

The traverse is based on the fact that generic claim 39 requires both the inking device as well as the pad to be mounted to a common radially moveable slide. This contrasts sharply with the GB '633 reference, since that reference discloses a pad 10 which is mounted to an arm 8 and an inking device 16 which is mounted to a separate carriage 98 as illustrated most accurately in Figures 9a-9c of the GB '633 reference (see also page 9, first full paragraph of the '633 reference). The GB '633 reference therefore fails to disclose an inking device and pad mounted to a common radially moveable slide. This feature is therefore missing from the prior art and thereby distinguishes claim 39 from that art. The

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Applicant therefore respectfully requests examination of all claims now of record.

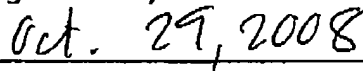
No new matter has been added in this amendment.



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